

Homeschooling? How? Seminar



- ❖ Texas Requirements: pursue a curriculum that teaches spelling, grammar, mathematics and a study of good citizenship in a bona fide manner

- Private school status and accreditation
- Teacher Qualifications and Student Achievement through Teacher/Student Ratio
- Withdrawal from public school or private school
<https://thsc.org/sending-a-withdrawal-email/>
- Legal Protections and Child Protective Services
- State: www.thsc.org [Texas Laws](#) (expanded)
- National: www.hslda.org [Texas Laws](#)

- ❖ Family Requirements: each family should identify goals, family structure, time, resources and philosophies to guide in planning and decision making

- Why?
- Individual and Family Goals
 - Spiritual
 - Intellectual
 - Physical
- Financial Resources

- ❖ Different Approaches and Curriculum Choices:

- Traditional: BJU Press, ABeka, Alpha Omega, Rod and Staff, Saxon, Christian Liberty Press
- Classical/History Based: Veritas Press, Story of the World, Mystery of History, Truth Quest
- Unit Studies: Five in a Row, Sonlight, KONOS, Cornerstone Curriculum (Worldview/Classical)
- Literature Based: Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, Hewitt Resources, Five in a Row, Progeny Press
- Mathematics: Singapore Math, BJU Press, A Beka, Rod and Staff, Teaching Textbooks, Saxon, Math Made Meaningful, Alpha Omega, Math-U-See
- Science: Apologia, BJU Press, ABeka, Alpha Omega, Rod and Staff, Real Science 4 Kids
- Grammar/Spelling: ABeka, BJU Press, Rod and Staff, Analytical Grammar, Spelling Power
- Tutors, Co-operative Classes, Dual Credit

www.bjupress.com

www.abeka.com

www.hewitthomeschooling.com

www.sonlight.com

www.progenypress.com

www.themysteryofhistory.info

www.shopchristianliberty.com

www.saxonpublishers.com

www.rodstaff.com

www.mathusee.com

www.aop.com

www.analyticalgrammar.com

www.cornerstonecurriculum.com

www.dianawaring.com

www.diveintomath.com

www.classicalconversations.com

www.mfwbooks.com

www.criticalthinking.com

www.rightstartmath.com

www.answersingenesis.org

www.homeschoolclassifieds.com

www.christianbook.com

<http://www.bookfinder4u.com/>

<https://www.rainbowresource.com/>

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❖ Learning Styles and Difficulties

- Visual/Auditory/Kinesthetic/Tactile
- Active/Reflective/Sensing/Intuitive/Visual/Verbal
- Intrapersonal/Interpersonal
- ADD/ADHD/Dyslexia/Dysgraphia Resources

www.donnac.com/homeschooling-only-one diannecraft.org
txspecialkids.wordpress.com
www.brainsprints.com www.thehandwritingclinic.com
www.eyecanlearn.com what-are-7-different-learning-styles

www.homeschoolmath.net www.dailygrammar.com
www.grammarly.com quizlet.com
www.khanacademy.org www.bookadventure.com

❖ Testing

- Standardized Testing: Iowa Basic Skills/Stanford
- College Readiness Testing: SAT/ACT/CLT
- Credit by Examination/Courses

www.collegeboard.org www.accuplacer.collegeboard.org
www.act.org www.cltexam.com
hewittlearning.org www.setontesting.com
www.depts.ttu.edu/k12 Credit by Examination/Courses

❖ Support Groups and Extra-Curricular Activities

- Sports/Music/Art/Field Trips/Service Opportunities/Church/Support Groups/Co-ops
- Consider: ages of children, interests of individual children, time, goals of family

Richardson Home School Association www.rhsa.org
Mesquite Christian Home School Association www.mchsa.org
Plano Educ Assoc of Christian Homeschoolers www.peachonline.org
McKinney Area Christian Homeschoolers www.marchgroup.org
Frisco 'Home is School' www.friscohis.org
Kaufman Area Homeschoolers kaufmanareachristianhomeschool.org
Supt & Encouraging Local Area Homeschoolers www.selahntx.com
The Home Educator's Outsourcing Solution theo.solutions
Quo Vadis Educators www.quovad2000.org
Teach Them Diligently teachthemdiligently.net

Convention.thsc.org greathomeschoolconventions.com

❖ Age Differences/Needs

- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

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❖ Organization

- Weekly Assignment Sheets
- Monthly Calendar Lesson Plans
- Notebook Method-individual subjects or all-in-one
- File Folder Method
- Workbooks
- Testing

❖ Scheduling

- Yearly: approximately 180 days/36 weeks
 - Start Date
 - Vacation/Holidays
 - End Date
- Weekly: 4 or 5 day week
 - Ministry/Service
 - Housekeeping and Family Commitments
 - Enrichment/Core Classes
 - Sports/Music/Art Lessons
 - Field Trips



Seminar Survey

(Submitted by a couple of homeschool moms as an example of their purpose and goals that guides their home education)

Homeschool Philosophy and Advantages:

- ✚ I love my children
- ✚ Best learning environment for them
- ✚ 1:1 student teacher ratio
- ✚ I can give exactly what my child needs
- ✚ I can teach them what I feel is morally and ethically acceptable (our values)
- ✚ I can include our religious beliefs in our curriculum
- ✚ Work as a group: family situation is a group – school, chores, etc.
- ✚ Socialization – family activities, playing with neighborhood kids, church, community activities, friends, and positive role models of parents
- ✚ The children have more time: to read, to learn responsibility through chores, to play and use imagination, to be with each other, to obey
- ✚ No need to re-teach or re-program – they are not getting two different value systems
- ✚ Kids learn to love each other more
- ✚ Having them home allows them to be children without growing up the wrong way
- ✚ Learn to be servants of one another

Homeschool Goals

- To love the Lord the God with all their hearts, souls and minds
- To love one another, especially as brothers and sisters
- To put others first and serve one another; first at home, then in the community
- To grow intellectually and become independent learners
- To learn logically and incrementally in all subjects
- To learn about the world around them and God's hands in all things
- To learn according to their strengths, talents, gifts and even weaknesses
- To grow physically with the best possible health and fitness
- To learn to care for themselves and others physically
- To be problem solvers, not problem identifiers
- To be good stewards of their money, time and talents
- To grow in character above all intellectual pursuits – key to success
- To set them up for success in all areas of life